

Application No. 09/698,817  
Amendment dated March 23, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of November 20, 2003

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Applicant: Martin Theriault, et al.

Filed: October 26, 2000

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING A  
DRY ATMOSPHERE IN A SURFACE MOUNT  
DEVICE PLACEMENT

TC/A.U.: 3729

Examiner: Thiem D. Phan

Docket Number: Serie 5118

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir

Applicants hereby request one month extension of time until April 20, 2004  
in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated November 20, 2004  
for the above-identified application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to  
charge Deposit Account No. 01-1375 the additional fee of \$420.00 for obtaining  
this extension of time.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees  
or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1375.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile  
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